GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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COASTAL AFFORESTATION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has submitted any project to the Union Government for coastal afforestation by conservation and management of mangroves and other associated plants along the Maharashtra coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment & Forests had provided financial assistance of Rs. 89/- Lakhs during 2000-2001 to State Government of Maharashtra for conservation & development of six mangrove areas in Maharashtra namely Vasai − Manori Creek, Vaitarna River, Mumbra − Diva, Revadanda − Kundalika, Shrivardhan − Varal - Thurumbwadi and Devgarh − Vijaydurg. The State Government spent only Rs. 1.32/- lakhs and the bulk amount i.e. Rs. 87.68/- lakhs remained unspent which was duly revalidated by the Ministry during 2001-2002. Upon repeated reminders & persuasion, the State Government rendered the accounts in March, 2007 and submitted a proposal to utilize the unspent balance of Rs. 87.68/- lakhs still lying with the State Government. The Ministry has sought certain clarifications with respect to the utilization certificate and the proposal of the State Government, for which a response from the State Government is awaited. No fresh proposal has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra during the current financial year.